

ACBL District 22
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
San Diego Regional
Mission Valley Marriott, San Diego, CA
April 14, 2022

Members Present:

Area 1: Tish Gainey (Secretary) & Frank Swanson

Area 2: Linda Decquir

Barbara Maniscalco (Vice President) via Zoom

Area 3: Lamy Agelidis (President) & Bill Grant

Area 4: Ron Lien via Zoom

Richard Picheny (Treasurer)

ACBL Advisory Council District 22 Representative: David Sizemore

ACBL Board of Directors Region 11 Representative (non-voting): David Lodge

I. Call to Order

President Agelidis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting were approved.

III. President's Report

Agelidis led a discussion based on the in-progress tournament report from Ken Horwedel. The tournament numbers for players with fewer than 750 mps is very low. Suggestions of how to bring these players back to tournaments included meeting with club owners and managers by Area to get their feedback and draft an action plan.

Agelidis confirmed the board vote taken by email on March 20, 2022 to adopt the ACBL Electronic Device Policy at all District Regional Tournaments. The policy was adopted with all board members voting in the affirmative. (The adopted policy is attached to these minutes.)

IV. Treasurer's Report

Picheny presented a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement through March 31, 2022. There is a loss to date of \$8300.00, which includes some San Diego Regional expenses.

V. Secretary's Report

Gainey pointed out that there are several non-board positions listed for District 22 and it is not known whether the people listed are still filling those positions. The board agreed that the policy should be to reaffirm these positions annually. In

addition, duties should be established for each position. It was determined that an I/N Coordinator needs to be found.

VI. National Report

Lodge reported that ACBL is in very good financial shape. He reviewed the income from 2021 and the expected expenses in 2022, primarily in the areas of IT and marketing. In response to a question, Lodge described the relationship with BBO. Under contract, BBO pays ACBL \$550,000 per year for BBO to be the only online platform that can issue ACBL Masterpoints. He reviewed the budgeting process for the recent National tournament in Reno and the difficulties in predicting the number of tables at that tournament and at the summer National in Providence. For Reno, what was a predicted profit became a sizable loss. The three key operational issues for the League are managing growth, with the loss of 10,000 members last year, IT issues, and cheating. A software program (EDGAR) has been developed to identify online cheaters. Jeff Edelstein has replaced Robb Gordon as National Recorder.

VII. GNT

Lien reported that the GNT events would take place Friday and Saturday at the San Diego Regional.

VIII. Western Conference Report

Lien reported the next meeting of the conference would be April 21 and 22. Agelidis added information about the Royal STaC and how it differs from the Great Western STaC.

IX. Advisory Council Report

Sizemore reported that the last meeting of the Council was not an official meeting because of connectivity issues with Zoom. He provided the printed notes from this unofficial meeting.

X. All-Western 99er Nite Club

Agelidis reported that 12½ tables of 99er Nite players went to Reno.

XI. Tournament Committee

Agelidis reported the committee has not come up with a venue for a September Regional. Discussion ensued about Regionals and the possible need to look at venues not attached to a host hotel. A decision will be made in one week on whether to cancel the Orange County Regional in September 2022.

XII. Education Committee

Gainey reported the committee had met several times via Zoom and is looking at developing a grant program similar to District 17's program. This grant program would focus on education and membership growth. Clubs, Units or teachers could apply for a grant from the District to underwrite the cost of an education event.

On their website, D17 has a grant application and description of their program. Agelidis agreed to contact D17 for more information.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Tish Gainey, Secretary